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Phillip is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucado of Appomattox.

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ROCKS

NOV. 17 - It was quite frosty here this morning. It was another beautiful week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Maxwell, Sr. of Pamplin were visiting his sister, Mrs. Lockie Martin of near Evergreen and Miss Mag Branch last Sunday afternoon.

Tim Almond was sick last Wednesday and couldn't go to school.

Mrs. Walter Ranson had another quilting party last Wednesday.

Eleven members of Rocks Church left last Tuesday morning to attend the Baptist General Association in Richmond.

Mrs. Helen Inge and sister, Mrs. Ethel St. John remained in Richmond Tuesday night and attended the meeting that night.

They returned home Wednesday night and went back on Thursday several went for Wednesday and Thursday. All reported a wonderful meeting. The church should be very proud of those who went.

A speedy recovery is wished Margaret Grishaw of Evergreen who entered Lynchburg General Hospital Saturday and had surgery.

Congratulations to Mrs. Ruth Caldwell who won first prize in the drawing at Superior Trees Nursery on Saturday; also to Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Tolley, Jr. who won second prize at this nursery.

Wilson Almond entered Lynchburg General Hospital on Saturday. A speedy recovery is wished him.

Mission Study Class at Evergreen on Tuesday night at 7:15. WMU members are urged to attend.

The Rocks Quartet presented a program of gospel music at Trinity United Methodist Church on Sunday night along with two other groups.

Joanne Elder left Friday afternoon to attend the homecoming at Bluefield College over the week end.

A covered dish supper for Thanksgiving at church on Nov., 26 at 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving service at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Mary Almond continues very ill. A very speedy recovery is wished her.

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Receives Good Conduct Award

NOV. 13 - Navy Yeoman Second Class Paula J. Oxner, of Rt. 4, Appomattox has received her Good Conduct Award.

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Enlists In U. S. Air Force

Michael Wayne Berryhill enlisted into the United States Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program 10 November 1975. His scheduled active duty date is 19 March 1976. He will be entering to receive technical training in the General Career Field as a Law Enforcement Specialist. Michael is currently working as a Dispatcher for the Virginia State Police in Appomattox, Va. He is a 72 graduate of Falls Church High School in Falls Church, Va. and is now attending Central Virginia Community College in Lynchburg.

He is the son of the late Harry James Berryhill, Sr. and Mrs. Catherine P. Berryhill of Arnold Lane, Falls Church, Va.

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